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June 10, 2022

Honorable Members of the  
Los Angeles City Council  
c/o Room 395, City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION OF SUFFICIENCY OF AN ORDINANCE INITIATIVE PETITION:  
MINIMUM WAGE FOR HEALTHCARE EMPLOYEES WORKING AT  
HEALTHCARE FACILITIES**

Honorable Members:

On May 4, 2022, an Initiative Petition entitled Minimum Wage for Healthcare Employees Working at Healthcare Facilities, containing 145,574 signatures, was filed with the Office of the City Clerk (City Clerk). We have completed our review of the signatures on the Petition and have certified the Petition as sufficient.

As provided in City of Los Angeles Election Code Section 711 (b), a random sampling of five percent (5%) or 7,279 signatures were verified to determine the sufficiency or insufficiency of the Initiative Petition. Of the random sample of 7,279 signatures, 3,361 or more were required to be valid for the Initiative Petition to qualify as sufficient. Based on the examination of the signatures compared with the voter registration records maintained by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder, a total of 4,162 valid signatures were identified. Thus, I have determined that the Initiative Petition is SUFFICIENT and I hereby present the attached Certification of Sufficiency to the City Council.

Charter Section 452 generally provides that when presented with a certified initiative petition, the Council must take one of the following three actions within 20 days of the transmittal of the attached Certificate of Sufficiency to the City Council:

1. Adopt the proposed ordinance, without alteration; or
2. Call a Special Election to be held not earlier than 110 days nor more than 140 days after Council action on the petition to submit the proposed ordinance, without alteration, to a vote of the electors of the City; or
3. Determine to submit the proposed ordinance, without alteration, to a vote of the electors of the City at the next regular City and Statewide election conducted by the County of Los Angeles to be held more than 110 days from the date of Council action.

The second option, ordering a stand-alone Special Election, is not recommended since it is by far the most expensive option (approximately \$12 million). The City's regularly-scheduled General Election, which will be conducted on November 8, 2022, meets the requirements of the third option as it occurs more than 110 days from the date of Council action with no additional cost.

## **ELECTION COSTS**

Option 1: Adopt the proposed Ordinance, without alteration.

There would be no additional financial impact relative to Election costs.

Option 2: Call a stand-alone Special Election (Citywide) to be held not earlier than 110 days or more than 140 days after the Council's action to submit the ordinance to a vote.

This option would require a Citywide Special Election to be held no earlier than October 17, 2022 and no later than November 16, 2022, assuming Council takes action on June 29, 2022. A standalone, Citywide Special Election would cost approximately \$12 million and approximately \$200,000 for each additional measure, which includes preparing Voter Information Pamphlets (VIPs) for City of Los Angeles registered voters along with costs incurred by the Los Angeles County/Registrar-Recorder to conduct the Special Election. This option may also entail possible voter fatigue due to City of Los Angeles voters being asked to vote in two elections within a month.

Option 3: Determine to submit the proposed ordinance, without alteration at the City's 2022 General Election to be held November 8, 2022.

If the City Council determines to submit the proposed ordinance to the electorate at the November 8, 2022 General Election, there will be zero to minimal additional financial impact relative to Election costs since there will be City-wide races included on the ballot.

## **COST OF PROCESSING THE SIGNATURES**

The City Clerk expects to absorb the cost of petition checking by re-allocating approximately \$150,000 from salary savings.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the City Council take the following action on the certified Initiative Petition:

Determine to submit the proposed ordinance, without alteration, to a vote of the electors of the City at the regularly-scheduled General Election scheduled for November 8, 2022.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is zero to minimal cost for adopting the recommendation in this report, assuming there will be a Citywide race or a moderate number of Council-sponsored measures on the November ballot.

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If, however, the City Council chooses to place this measure before the voters on a Special Election, the cost of that Election is estimated to be \$12 million and an additional \$200,000 for each additional measure.

Sincerely,

Signed with ClerkSign

The image shows a handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Holly L. Wolcott". To the right of the signature is the official seal of the City of Los Angeles, which is circular and features a shield with a red cross and a white background, surrounded by the words "CITY OF LOS ANGELES" and "1850".

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Holly L. Wolcott  
City Clerk

#### Attachments

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EXE-044-22

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES        ) SS  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES            )

**CERTIFICATION OF SUFFICIENCY**

**ORDINANCE INITIATIVE PETITION: MINIMUM WAGE FOR HEALTHCARE  
EMPLOYEES WORKING AT HEALTHCARE FACILITIES**

I, HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, City Clerk of the City of Los Angeles, hereby certify to the Los Angeles City Council that I have verified the signatures submitted with the Initiative Petition for the above referenced initiative ordinance, utilizing the random sampling method provided for in Election Code Section 711 (b); and further certify that the Initiative Petition is **SUFFICIENT** and that the attached summary represents a true, correct, and complete summary validation of the Initiative Petition.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the City of Los Angeles this 9th day of June, 2022.

Signed with ClerkSign

 

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT  
CITY CLERK



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK  
 PETITION STATISTICS REPORT**

PETITION ID: 17844 REPORT RUN DATE: 6/8/22 1:04 pm  
 PETITION DESCRIPTION: MINIMUM WAGE  
 CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Total Signatures Submitted 145,574  
 Total Sample Size 7,280 ( 5% )

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Total Valid Signatures 4,162  
 Total Invalid Signatures 2,790

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Total Processed 6,952  
 Total Not Processed 138,622

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TOTAL 145,574

**BREAKDOWN OF INVALID SIGNATURES**

CHALLENGE DESCRIPTION	QTY
DIFFERENT ADDRESS	652
CANCELED	107
FATAL PENDING	44
PO BOX/MAILING ADDRESS	23
MAX NUMBER OF TIMES SIGNED	12
MISSING SIG ON PETITION	6
NO ADDRESS	81
NOT REGISTERED	1,061
MISMATCH SIGNATURE	43
WRONG DISTRICT	761
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# Petition Statistics

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MINIMUM WAGE  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

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